Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, P.E.O. is a philanthropic and educational organization founded on January 21, 1869, by seven students at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa; and,

Whereas, This bond of friendship and fellowship led to founding chapters of P.E.O. throughout the United States and Canada with headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa; and,

Whereas, P.E.O. now has a membership of almost a quarter of a million members with five international philanthropies or projects designed to assist women with their educational goals, including the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund, Cottey College, International Peace Scholarship, Program for Continuing Education, and Scholar Awards; and,

Whereas, Chapter E, P.E.O. in Vermillion, South Dakota, was the fifth chapter to be founded and was founded in South Dakota in 1909; and,

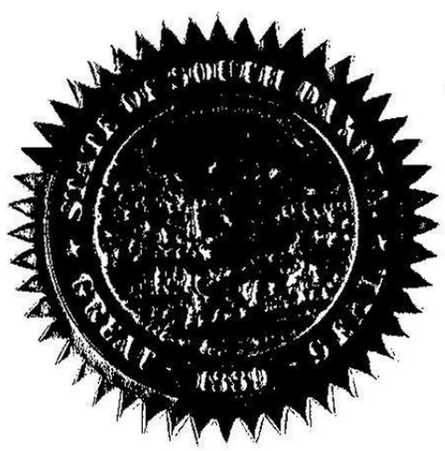
Whereas, Chapter E, P.E.O. was organized on February 4, 1909; and,

Whereas, Chapter E, P.E.O. will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on January 31, 2009, with a celebration brunch at the Buffalo Run Winery; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 31, 2009, as

CHAPTER E, P.E.O. DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State